



City of Hampton

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Agenda Item Summary

SAMPLE Match Required

TITLE:

Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Council Approved Budget to Accept and Appropriate the 2021 Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund ("DVVF") Grant Awarded by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund ("DVVF") Grant provides special State grant funds for the continued prosecution of sexual assault crimes and sexual crimes of violence in the City of Hampton (the "City"). Prosecutable crimes also include violations of protective orders. The DVVF prosecutor works closely with the Hampton Police Division as well as other law enforcement agencies and medical personnel. Furthermore, the prosecutor serves as a member of the Hampton Sexual Assault Response Team ("SART"). SART is comprised of members of the Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney's Office; Victim Witness Services; Hampton Police Division; Riverside Regional and Hampton Sentara Hospital's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners ("SANE") nurses and Hampton University and Thomas Nelson Community College law enforcement agencies.

Cases are tried before Hampton's Circuit Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Discussion:

This grant award will help support the prosecution of approximately 75 cases by funding the salary and fringe benefit costs of one (1) permanent full-time (PFT) position prosecutor. The City has historically provided a cash match for this grant. The DVVF prosecutor position adheres to the City's Human Resources employment policies and performance evaluation process.

Impact:

The City has been awarded \$25,000 in Special State grant funds. The required local cash match of \$50,000 covers the remaining portion of the salary and fringe benefit costs and are budgeted in Departmental Support - Grants for a total grant award of \$75,000. This is the first year of a three-year renewable grant.

Recommendation:

Approve.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice has awarded the City of Hampton, Virginia (the "City") a 2021 Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund ("DVVF") Grant in the amount of the \$25,000 in special State funding;

WHEREAS, the DVVF Grant award requires a local cash match of \$50,000;

WHEREAS, the combined funds of the DVVF Grant award and the required local cash match, which total \$75,000, will be used by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to fund the salary and fringe benefit costs of one permanent full-time (PFT) position in the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office that will be dedicated to the prosecution of sexual assault crimes and sexual crimes of violence within the City; and

WHEREAS, the grant award is for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia hereby amends its Fiscal Year 2021 Council Approved Budget to (1) accept and appropriate the DVVF Grant in the amount of \$25,000 in special State funds, and any supplemental funding, to the Grant Fund; and (2) approve the transfer of \$50,000 from Departmental Support - Grant to the Grant Fund for the purpose of funding the salary and fringe benefit costs of one (1) permanent full-time position in the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office dedicated to the prosecution of sexual assault crimes and sexual crimes of violence within the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take any and all actions necessary to implement this grant award.

PLEASE NOTE:

Spell out all acronyms prior to the use of said acronym.

The acceptance and appropriation of grant funds **amends** the Council Approved budget for that respective fiscal year. Therefore, the language in the title, body and resolution must clearly communicate this action.

Detail specifically the amount of the required cash match and the funding source.